



David Boyd Memorial Fund,

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Thank you for your generous support of the National Ability Center's ski and snowboard program!

At the NAC, we operate under the guiding principle that it is not mastery of sport that matters, but the positive life outcomes achieved when one faces challenges and accomplishes more than they'd initially thought possible. Whether a child on the autism spectrum wants to learn how to mountain bike, a group of spinal cord-injured adults dream of rafting class IV white water on the Colorado



river, or a rock climber with a visual impairment challenge themselves to train for a rock climbing competition – we adapt and make recreation accessible to people of all abilities. Your generosity this past year helped so many individuals achieve lifelong benefits through adaptive recreation.

This past ski and snowboard season was one of our all time greatest! Utah broke its total snowfall record, with Park City Mountain Resort totaling 612" inches over the season. We completed 4,117 powder filled lessons, serving over 1,139 participants in our ski and snowboard program over 151 days. We were able to do this with the support of all of our wonderful volunteers who amassed 4,387 hours of ski and snowboard support over the season. This was a 22% increase in volunteer hours compared to last fiscal year. We could not do

what we do without them!

With the amount our organization has been growing, it is necessary we add more staff to meet our needs and the needs of our participants. In our ski and snowboard program, we had the addition of a program supervisor this past year to our ski and snowboard management team, increasing the quality of our team and amount of participants we could serve.

Our standup ski and snowboard equipment fleet also expanded, catering to a larger number of lessons and participants within our ski and snowboard program. Our internal rental fleet, compiled of donated skis and snowboards, provided rentals to over 25 groups and multiple camp specific groups. One of our local snowboard companies, Kemper Snowboards, graciously donated 10 snowboards this past season. Having the opportunity to have 10 rental boards per day during our '23-'24 for our





participants is a phenomenal upgrade to our adaptive snowboard program.

Because of your funding, we also added to our fleet of snow equipment to meet the demands of additional lessons by purchasing two new ski bikes this past summer to use for our '23-'24 season! Individuals with weakness or one sided hemiplegia will use these pieces of equipment. These ski bikes are also a great option for higher weight individuals to slide on snow! These types of bikes are often used a lot with our military participants. One special option these ski bikes provide are use without the need for a ski or snowboard boot. For individuals with ankle fusions or prosthetics that do not fit in a boot, these bikes are perfect because they are able to be used with most footwear. We anticipate these to be used almost daily this winter!

Funding from The David Boyd Memorial Foundation will provide support for people of all abilities through our ski and snowboard program. We are extremely appreciative for your support, you will change hundreds of lives through your generosity and we can't wait to get our new ski bikes on snow! We start with "I CAN," dream big and cherish every win – whether it be Paralympic gold, the first lesson of adaptive recreation, or quality time spent with family and friends.

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